NOS, NMFS, OAR, NWS, NESDIS, OMAO, NFA and BIS

- 1. All FY 03 Reports of Capitalized Construction Work In Process (CWIP) Form 37-6, for both real and personal property as of 9/10/03. Each 37-6 line item cost should contain CAMS compliant Organization Codes, Project Codes and Related Task Codes and original fiscal year as stated on the CAMS CA500D report. In order to process the entries into CAMS, the Project/Task Codes on the Form 37-6 must be active at the time the Form 37-6 is submitted. (9/12/03 to Property Office and 9/15/03 to Germantown Finance Office).
- 2. Information for all new commercial cash accounts used for official business purposes. (Attachment A) (10/06/03)
 - A. Provide details such as organization, account title, account type, account number, purpose of the account, financial institution and address, names of individuals with authorized signature authority, or names of individuals who manage the account.
 - B. Include accounts opened during FY 03, but do not include lock box deposits.
- 3. September 30, 2003 balance of cash accounts held in commercial bank accounts. *(Attachment A)* (10/06/03)
- 4. Listing and description of leases with NOAA or BIS as the <u>Lessor</u>. (Attachment B) (10/06/03)
- 5. Detail of any incidents through 9/30/03, which qualify as government acknowledged events. Information such as a description of the event, authorizing legislation, date of the event and any applicable exchanges, amounts of liability including an estimate if the exact amount is unknown, and any other applicable information. Only report events where the liability is greater than or equal to \$1 million. (10/06/03) (Attachment C)
- 6. Schedule of prepayments and advances as of 9/30/03 for FY 03 and later transactions. *(Attachment D)* (10/06/03)
- 7. Financial commitment information for long-term contracts for purchase, construction, and modernization of equipment, facilities, etc. (Satellites and Weather Service related) *(Attachment E)* (10/06/03)
- 8. Reconciliation of all CWIP costs to the CAMS CA500D Report as of 9/30/03 including FY 03 additions and deletions. Include any necessary adjustments to the 9/30/02 balances. All adjustments must be properly identified and explained in detail. (10/06/03)

For the current format and instructions on how to prepare the reconciliation refer to: http://www.rdc.noaa.gov/~finance/financial policy.htm

- 9. Where NOAA provides goods and services to the public and/or another government entity at prices less than full cost, provide the following information: (10/06/03)
 - A. Differences in pricing policy from the full cost or current market pricing guidance;
 - B. Exchange transactions with the public in which prices are set by law or executive order and are not based on full or market price;
 - C. The nature of transactions with other Federal entities in which NOAA provides goods or services at a price less than full cost or does not charge a price at all, with explanations of the amount and reason for disparities between the billing (if any) and the full cost; and
 - D. A brief paragraph describing how the FY 03 prices were computed.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, SPECIFIC OFFICE REQUESTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center (CPC)

- 1. Contract with Hay Group, or other contractor, to prepare actuarial reports for <u>both NOAA Corps</u> retirement benefits and health benefits. (8/30/03)
- 2. Obtain copy of actuarial reports from plan actuary, Hay Group, Washington, DC. for the NOAA Corps pension and health benefits plans, to submit to NFA212. The reports should also contain the following information: (10/06/03)
 - A. FY 03 pension and health benefits expense, net of the following components:
 - 1. Normal cost;
 - 2. interest on the unfunded pension liability during the period;
 - 3. prior (and past) service cost from the plan amendments (or the initiation of a new plan) during the period, if any; and
 - 4. actuarial gains or losses during the period, if any.
- 3. Amount NOAA contributed to the NOAA Corps Retirement System during FY 03. (Obtain from NOAA Corps actuarial report prepared by the plan actuary.) (10/06/03)

NESDIS, Budget and Planning Office (E/BP)

- 1. Financial commitment information for long-term contracts for the purchase, construction, and modernization of satellites. (10/06/03)

 (Attachment E)
- 2. Reconciliation of all satellite CWIP costs to the CAMS CA500D Report as of 9/30/03 including FY 03 additions and deletions. Include any necessary adjustments to the 09/30/02 balance. All adjustments must be properly identified and explained in detail. (10/06/03)

3. Reports and schedules, including supporting documentation for satellite additions and disposals during the third quarter FY 03 and related accumulated depreciation additions and disposals. (10/06/03)

NMFS, Financial Services Division (F/CS2)

1. Fisheries Finance Program administrative expenses through 9/30/03. (10/06/03)

NOAA Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation (GCEL)

- 1. Schedule/reports and supporting documentation for seized property (Exhibits 1 and 2) as of 9/30/03 related to Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) Enforcement. (10/06/03)
- 2. Schedule of legally enforceable cases.

NOS, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (N/ORM)

- 1. Information for all new commercial cash accounts used for official business purposes. (10/06/03) (Attachment A)
 - A. Provide details such as organization, account title, account type, account number, purpose of the account, financial institution and address, names of individuals with authorized signature authority, or names of individuals that manage the account.
 - B. Include accounts opened during FY 03, but do not include lock box deposits.
- 2. September 30, 2003 balance of cash accounts held in commercial bank accounts. Specifically, trust accounts from foreclosure. (10/06/03) (Attachment A)
- 3. Reports, schedules and supporting documentation for CZMF accounts receivable and estimated allowances. (10/06/03)
- 4. An updated valuation schedule for CZMF Foreclosed Property, as of 9/30/03, calculating the fair market value using the latest FY 02 tax assessment bills. (10/06/03)
- 5. Detail of direct loan program administrative expenses by task code concerning credit program receivables and related foreclosed property as of 9/30/03. (10/06/03)
- 6. Information for Federal upkeep of collateral assets, including a recap of all properties sold during the third quarter FY 03; their individual sales prices; and gains and losses. (10/06/03)
- 7. A summary dollar total of all Port Arthur properties sold as of 9/30/03 cumulative to the beginning of the sales program. (10/06/03)
- 8. Check register, schedule, or bank statement detailing all third quarter FY 03 transactions in the commercial bank account for the Port Arthur project. (10/06/03)

- 9. Report of deferred maintenance for stewardship assets. Include identification of each major class of asset (i.e., heritage assets, etc.), method of measuring deferred maintenance for each major class, description of requirements or standards for acceptable operating condition, any changes in the condition requirements or standards, asset condition and range or point estimate of the dollar amount of maintenance needed to return the asset to acceptable operating condition and other disclosures as required by SFFAS # 6, #8, and #14, and other applicable regulations. (10/06/03)
- 10. Detailed report of stewardship property for stewardship land and heritage assets. Required information includes a detailed description of assets, the number of units added and withdrawn and the end-of-year number of physical units, description of the methods of acquisition and withdrawal of the assets, cost of acquiring assets, condition, identification of any deferred maintenance, and any other required information as outlined in SFFAS No.
 - 6, 8, and 16. If an asset is to be removed from the balance sheet, please report the net book value of the asset as of the beginning of the period. Include the acquisition cost and balance of accumulated depreciation (if any) as of the beginning of the reporting period July 1, 2003. NOS needs to provide this information directly to the Property Office (NFA532) instead of the Finance Office (NFA2). NFA532 would then send a consolidated response to Finance. (10/06/03)
- 11. Report of any stewardship assets transferred or donated to NOAA including book value and fair value. (10/06/03)
- 12. Detail of stewardship investments including all required information on the following: (10/06/03)
 - A. Non-Federal physical property; and,
 - B. Human capital.

The following information, at a minimum, should be reported:

- A. FY 03 investments made during the twelve month period ending 9/30/03, as well the annual investment for each of the four preceding years. Investments should be measured on the same basis of accounting as used for financial statement purposes (expenses incurred). If it is impractical to reconstruct historical investments on the basis of expense, historical investments can be reported on an outlay basis but, current year investments should be reported on the basis of expense.
- B. Narrative description of the major programs/projects for Federal investments, and the major agencies reporting on these programs. Reports of all stewardship property, plant, and equipment.
- C. Program outcomes of investment in human capital, in accordance with SFFAS #8.

NWS, Comptroller Division (W/CFO2) and National Logistics Support Center (NLSC) (CCx2)

- 1. Financial commitment information for long-term contracts for the purchase, construction, and modernization of weather related equipment. (Attachment E) (10/06/03)
- 2. Reports and schedules for 9/30/03 NLSC supplies, and equipment physical inventory <u>including</u> inventory roll forward report. (10/06/03)
- 3. Reconciliation between the 06/30/03 ending operating materials and supplies inventory balance and the ending inventory per the physical inventory report as of 9/30/03 for both supplies and equipment. (10/06/03)
- 4. Report of total excess, obsolete, and unserviceable inventory for both supplies and equipment. (10/06/03)
- 5. Carrying amount and net realizable value of the excess, obsolete, and unserviceable items. (10/06/03)
- 6. Disclose any changes in the methodology for calculating the allowance for excess, obsolete, and unserviceable items. (10/06/03)
- 7. Report of Inventory held for repair. (10/06/03)
- 8. Detailed report of restrictions on the sale, use, or disposition of inventory. (10/06/03)
- 9. Report the methodology used to identify the correct category to which inventory is assigned and any changes to this methodology. (10/06/03)

NWS, Office of Operational Systems, National Reconditioning Center (NRC) (W/OPS16)

- 1. Reports and schedules for 9/30/03 NRC supplies physical inventory. (10/06/03)
- 2. Carrying amount and net realizable value of the excess, obsolete, and unserviceable items. (10/06/03)
- 3. Disclose any changes in the methodology for calculating the allowance for excess, obsolete, and unserviceable items. (10/06/03)
- 4. Disclose any restrictions on the use or disposition of inventories. (10/06/03)
- 5. Report of Inventory held for repair. (10/06/03)
- Report the methodology used to identify the correct category to which inventory is assigned and any changes to this methodology. (10/06/03)

OMAO, Officer Services Division (CPC2)

1. NOAA Commissioned Corps leave status report as of 9/30/03. (10/06/03)

SPECIFIC NFA OFFICE REQUESTS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Budget Office (NFA3)

- 1. Provide detail of any research and development projects including the following: (10/06/03)
 - A. Annual investment or expenditure (in accordance with SFFAS No. 4) reported in three categories: Basic Research, Applied Research, and Development. Report annual investments, by separate categories for each program area, made in the current fiscal year and each of the four years preceding, or since RSSI reporting began in FY 1998. Reporting should be at the Line/Staff Office level. Report outlays for the previous four years if expenditures are not available.
 - B. Detailed narrative description of major research and development programs.
 - C. Report of the amount of significant state, local, private, or foreign total contributions to shared or joint programs, if information is available.
 - D. Program outcomes and measures of investment in research and development.

HRMO, Programs and Plans Division (NFA41)

1. Schedule of accrued annual leave including credit, comp., leave transferred in, and shore leave at 9/30/03. (10/06/03)

Environmental Compliance and Safety Division (NFA54)

1. Reports, schedules, and supporting documentation for environmental and non-environmental contingent liability estimates, including funded and unfunded amounts that are probable and the portion of the liability due to other Federal agencies versus the public. The schedule should also include the specific project number for each line item listed, and document numbers and dollar amount of all outstanding payables as of 9/30/03. (10/06/03)

Grants Management Division (NFA62)

1. Listings of FY 2002 Grant Expenditures (FY 03 if available) updated through 9/30/03. The listing should be separated into two reports by Positive and Negative Cash on Hand. The reports should include the grant number, amount of the grant (federal share), cash balance and drawdown amount.

Point of Contact

If you would like a copy of your FY 2002 submission to the Finance Office or you have any questions, you can contact Nancy Gates at (301) 444-2185. You may fax responses to (301) 427-2040, or forward responses to the following address:

Nancy Gates, NFA212 Finance Office, NOAA 20020 Century Boulevard, Room 3125 Germantown, Maryland 20874

Attachment A

Possible Cash Accounts with Commercial Banks

As in prior years, we are requesting that you verify if any funds exist on deposit at any commercial financial institutions for official NOAA purposes. This includes commercial bank accounts opened prior to October 1, 2002, and during FY 03. The request does not concern lock box deposits which are turned over to the Department of the Treasury at the end of each business day. If any cash balances are reported in lock box accounts, they are automatically reported on NOAA's FY 03 quarterly financial statements.

For any <u>new</u> commercial accounts, please provide us with the purpose of the fund, commercial bank name and address, account number, account title, balance as of September 30, 2003, authorized signatures, and any other information you consider relevant. Please submit the requested information back to the Finance Office by October 6, 2003. <u>Provide a negative response if there are no new commercial bank accounts</u>.

Attachment B

Leases with NOAA or BIS as the Lessor

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 01-09, as amended, requires that capital and operating leases be identified for disclosure in the year-end financial statements. As you are aware, internal control procedures have been adopted by your office to gather the required information pertaining to leases whereby NOAA or the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is the lessee. However, OMB also requires financial information on leases whereby NOAA or BIS is the **lessor**. Such information includes the category of assets leased out and the future projected receipts.

To assist in meeting OMB's requirements, please have your staff perform a review of outstanding reimbursable agreements and identify leases for NOAA's or BIS's assets, if any, that have future projected receipts. For those identified agreements that would be outstanding as of September 30, 2003, please forward a copy of the lease and/or reimbursable agreement that describes the asset leased and the future projected receipts to NOAA and/or BIS by fiscal year. This information is due to the Finance Office by the close of business, October 6, 2003. In order to ensure completeness of the quarterly financial statements it is necessary that we receive either a positive or a negative reply.

Attachment C

Government-acknowledged Events for NOAA and BIS at September 30, 2003

Our contract auditors, KPMG LLP, stated in their report *Impact of OMB Bulletin 97-02, Form and Content of Agency Financial Statements, on NOAA* that NOAA is not aware of the definition of a government-acknowledged event and when the related liability should be recognized. In response to this finding, please note that Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) No. 5 defines government-acknowledged events as those nontransaction-based events that are of financial consequence to the Federal Government because it chooses to respond to the event. The Federal Government has broad responsibility to provide for the public's general welfare and often assumes responsibilities for which it has no prior legal obligation. For example, costs from many events, such as toxic waste damage caused by non-Federal entities and other events under Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund-related activities could ultimately become the responsibility of NOAA or BIS. NOAA and BIS should not recognize a liability until, and to the extent that, the government formally acknowledges financial responsibility for the cost from the event and an exchange or non-exchange transaction has occurred.

SFFAS No. 5 also outlines criteria for events which meet the above definition and should be accrued and disclosed in the NOAA and BIS consolidated financial statements. NOAA and BIS should recognize a liability and an expense when <u>both</u> of the following two criteria are met:

- 1. Congress has appropriated or authorized (i.e., through authorization legislation) resources; and
- 2. an exchange occurs (e.g., when a contractor performs repairs) or non-exchange amounts are unpaid as of the reporting date, whichever applies.

In order to comply with SFFAS No. 5, and OMB 01-09 requirements, as amended, please review your records and report back to the Finance Office any incidents through September 30, 2003, which could qualify as a government-acknowledged event. Information such as a description of the event, authorizing legislation, date of the event and any applicable exchanges, amounts of liability including an estimate if the exact amount is unknown, and any other applicable information is requested. The liability includes amounts due from NOAA and BIS to pay for benefits, goods, or services provided under the terms of the program or legislation, as of September 30, 2003, whether or not such amounts have been reported to NOAA and BIS. Only report events for which the liability is greater than or equal to \$1 million. In order to properly include the liability and associated expenses in our FY 03 financial statements, please submit the information requested back to the Finance Office by October 6, 2003. If no events are identified, please provide a negative response to that effect.

Attachment D

Prepayments and Advances as of September 30, 2003

Advances and prepayments are asset accounts representing expenditures in contemplation of the receipt of goods, services, or other assets. In order to ensure that all arrangements involving prepaid rent or other prepaid expenditures are accounted for and recorded properly, I am requesting you to review your records and report to me any advances or prepayments over \$750,000. These expenditures do not include advances to grant recipients.

In order to properly include the prepayments as assets in the FY 03 quarterly financial statements, please submit the requested information back to the Finance Office by October 6, 2003. Specifically, this information should include the payee, date of payments, payment amounts, purpose of payment, and period of time the prepayment covers. The prepayments should include only payments, not obligations, made prior to September 30, 2003, for services or goods to be received after September 30, 2003. It is necessary that we receive either a positive or a negative reply to ensure completeness of the quarterly financial statements.

Attachment E

Long-term Commitments as of September 30, 2003

We are required to disclose in our fiscal year-end financial statements information pertaining to significant (\$5 million or more) long-term commitments in effect as of September 30, 2003. A long-term commitment is defined as a contractual obligation, which existed on June 30, to enter into a transaction in the future. Examples include contracts for the purchase, construction, and modernization of various systems, satellites, and facilities. Lease contracts will not be included under long-term commitments. However, they will be included in the data collected for operating and capital leases.

For FY 03 reporting, information pertaining to the remainder of FY 03 and FY 2004 through FY 2008 is required to be reported separately. Information pertaining to FY 2009 and thereafter can be combined. If you would like a copy of the FY 2002 footnote disclosure as a guide, please contact Nancy Gates at (301) 444-2185. For audit purposes, it is necessary that we receive either a positive or negative reply.